

# **METHOD FOR TESTING MEDIA IN A LIBRARY WITHOUT INSERTING MEDIA INTO THE LIBRARY DATABASE**

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

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A storage subsystem, method of testing storage media in the storage subsystem and program product therefor. The storage media, e.g., magnetic tape in a physical volume, is inserted into an input area in the storage subsystem, but not loaded into the subsystem library. The media input area on the physical volume is scanned and a test  
10 command is queued. The test storage media is moved to a drive for testing. After testing, the storage media is returned to the input area.